

**Minutes of the
Idaho Nursery Advisory Committee Meeting
January 17, 2000
Statehouse Inn, Boise, ID**

In Attendance:

Randy Poss, PossAbilities, Sandpoint, ID - Committee, Chairman
Michael E. Cooper, Idaho State Department of Agriculture
Howard E. Hughes, Hughes Greenhouses, Post Falls, ID - Committee Member
Bill Dial, Sterling Landscape Co., Boise, ID - Committee Member
Kevin Glenn, Ida-Gold Nursery, Caldwell, ID - Committee Member
Eric Madson, Paradise Nursery, Bonners Ferry, ID - Committee Member
Ann Bates, Idaho Nursery Association, Idaho Falls, ID - Guest

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Introductions were made by all of the members of the committee and guests. The minutes of the July 8th meeting were approved by the committee.

Mike Cooper informed the committee of the controversy surrounding the presence of the green peach aphid on bedding plants in retail outlets as it relates to the spread of potato leaf roll virus in potatoes. Mike distributed a University of Idaho research paper on the subject and an article published in the Idaho Nursery Association publication "Taproot." The Department routinely inspects for this insect as a part of the annual nursery inspection process. In 1999, there were 601 inspections carried out specifically for this insect. There were 71 incidents of aphids found; 32 were serious enough for the Department to require the facility to control the problem.

Research proposals sent by the Department to the committee members in December were discussed on an individual basis. The proposals submitted included the following:

- 1) "Economic Impact of the Idaho Greenhouse / Nursery Industry" Carkner and Moore
- 2) "Economic Contribution of Idaho's Green Industry" Taylor
- 3) "Idaho Nursery & Greenhouse Survey" Gerhardt
- 4) "Production of Evergreen Shrubs in Paper Sludge-Amended Media" Tripepi
- 5) "Evaluation of Corkbark and SubAlpine Fir for Their Potential as Ornamental Nursery Stock and Christmas Trees" Barney

Howard Hughes suggested that on future distribution of grant proposals, that each grant be tagged with a grant number and the amount being requested.

It was noted that the grants submitted did not reflect the results of the survey of the licensed nurseries and florists carried out by the Department last summer (see attachment). Committee members did note, however, that the grants submitted would be of value to the industry by

providing new plant varieties and production methods to the industry. In addition, the economic surveys would provide hard data on the value of the Idaho “Green” industry to the state’s economy. This type of economic data would good to supply to the state’s political, educational and business leadership.

Each grant proposal was then discussed by the committee members. Grants (as numbered above) 2, 3, 4, and 5 were approved for funding by the committee. Grant number 2, while approved by the committee, was not to be funded prior to further discussion with Dr. Taylor, concerning some portions of the proposal and how they would be carried out.

A proposal was made by Eric Madson that grants of \$5,000 or less be funded in a lump sum and not portioned out as previously approved by the committee. The proposal was seconded by Kevin Glenn and approved by unanimous vote of the committee.

The Department will send a letter to the principal investigator of each grant proposal stating the decision of the committee regarding the grant and any additional requirements that may be necessary. The letters will be under the signature of the committee Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.